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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PANAMA

- 1. IN A SEPARATE EXDIS CABLE I REPORTED ROEL'S STATEMENT THAT JLP WILL ATTEND PANAMANIAN CEREMONIES JUNE 16. IN DISCUSSING PRESIDENT'S REASON FOR MAKING TRIP, ROEL SAID THAT JLP HAD NEARLY CANCELLED OUT ON PANAMA BECAUSE OF PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER TOLD VISITING MEXICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT JLP HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THE US IN THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH ROEL DESCRIBED AS A WELL-INTENTIONED BUT UNFORTUNATE REMARK BECAUSE IT TIED MEXICO TO THE ISSUE IN A WAY IN WHICH IT DID NOT WISH TO BE IDENTIFIED.
- 2. I EXPECT TO SEE THE PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS GAS PRICE ISSUE BEFORE PANAMA TRIP. DEPENDING ON WHAT TRANSPIRES IN THAT CONVERSATION, DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO CONSIDER WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD WISH TO HAVE A PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH JLP IN PANAMA ABOUT GAS PRICE. LUCEY

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